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SUBJECT: US FIRM RELUCTANT TO FULFILL CONTRACT WITH ETHIOPIAN
AIRLINES (EAL)

REFS: ADDIS ABABA 2617 AND PREVIOUS

1. ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES (EAL) HAS TOLD EMBASSY THAT
LINK/SINGER OFFICIAL MCKNIGHT HAS SENT TELEX IN-
FORMING EAL THAT LINK WILL NOT SEND ITS TECHNICIANS TO
ADDIS ABABA TO INSTALL B-720 SIMULATOR AS CALLED
FOR UNDER CONTRACT. LINK TELEX STATES "RECENT
ACTIVITIES IN ADDIS ABABA... HAVE PROMPTED MANAGE-
MENT OF THE SINGER COMPANY TO PROHIBIT TRAVEL OF
ALL EMPLOYEES TO ETHIOPIA AT THIS TIME." LINK
ALSO INFORMED EAL THAT IT WOULD BE UNABLE TO
GUARANTEE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR VISUAL AID EQUIP-
MENT FOR USE WITH SIMULATOR.

2. EAL OFFICIALS ARE VERY UPSET BY LINK RESPONSE.
EAL IS SENDING CAPT. ROBERT MOON TO US MAY 17 IN
AN ATTEMPT TO CONVINCE LINK TO CHANGE ITS DECISION.
MOON IS US CITIZEN PILOT AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
FLIGHT OPERATIONS FOR EAL WHO SPENT TIME WITH
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MCKNIGHT AND BATES DURING THEIR VISIT TO ADDIS
ABABA.

3. COMMENT: IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT PRESS COVERAGE
OF RECENT EVENTS IN ETHIOPIA, ESPECIALLY SHOOTING
OF STUDENTS WEEKEND OF MAY1, IS BEHIND LINK'S
DECISION. WHILE EMBASSY BELIEVES SECURITY SITUATION

IN ADDIS IS SUFFICIENTLY GOOD AT PRESENT TIME TO
ALLOW LINK TEAM TO COME, MATTER IS BEST LEFT TO
EAL AND LINK TO RESOLVE WITHOUT ANY DIRECT USG
INVOLVEMENT. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING
OF ANY CONTACT DEPARTMENT HAS WITH LINK REGARDING
THIS CASE.
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